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THEY'VE SACKED ME

— SCOTT FRASER

HEIDELBERG utility player Scott Fraser has been put on the transfer list at \$7,500 and he's very angry about it.

Players are transfer-listed for lots of reasons. Sometimes they don't fit in with a new coach's plans, or they lose form, or they become disenchanted with the club, or they become difficult to handle.

But none of these reasons applies to Fraser.

Until he was dropped for last Sunday's game against Morwell Falcons he had played well, and several times had been amongst the best players on the ground.

But the reason he has been dropped and put on the transfer list is of loss of form, it's because there has been a whispering campaign against him ever since Heidelberg was relegated.

Despite the fact that everyone knows where the blame lies over his wrongful registration last year which led eventually to Heidelberg's losing points and finishing bottom, some supporters still blame the player himself.

He has been spat at, barracked and jeered, and then on Sunday the club dropped him because it was said some supporters wouldn't come to watch the club if he was playing.

And to their eternal discredit, the committee listened and then instructed the coach to drop him.

By Les Shorrock

"I've been sacked," he said to me on Sunday night, "and I think they should give me a free transfer, but they still want money for me, although they won't let me play."

Read what Bob Brian thinks about the Fraser affair on page 7.



● Scott Fraser.

'JONESY' POWERS VIC YOUTH TO TITLE

"JONESY", alias John Markovski of George Cross turned the National Youth championships into a personal triumph as he powered Victoria so the title last week.

Markovski, who turned 18 last Friday and was made captain for the day, scored seven goals in the championships, including four in the final as the Vics overwhelmed South Australia.

Then despite his herculean efforts during the week he came back afresh to play a big part in George Cross' 2-0 win over Melbourne Croatia last Sunday.

For a full report of Victoria's championship win, turn to page 2.

A.S.F. DUMPS McDOWALL AND IT STINKS

THE World Cup Committee of the ASF, meeting last Saturday, effectively snuffed out Garry McDowall's Socceroo career when it banned him from playing for the National team until September.

Everybody knows that McDowall transgressed in the match against Israel in Christchurch, the episode has been played and re-played ad nauseam on our TV screens until the film must be nearly worn out.

But what leaves a nasty taste in the mouth over this latest edict is not the only way in which it was carried out, but whether it had to be at all.

How many times must McDowall be punished?

Immediately after that game, he was fined what coach

Frank Arok described as the "biggest I have ever known", thought to be \$1,500.

Then FIFA, soccer's international body, suspended him for three international matches and that was fair enough.

But then along come the Gang of Four, Messrs Perkins, Reilly, Papasavas, and Constantine who without calling the player to Sydney to ask for his side of the story, decide to punish him again.

Does this mean that the ASF is a higher authority than FIFA?

Of course it doesn't, the rationale offered for this



● Gary McDonald.

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BOB BRIAN comments on the Fraser affair Page 7

IT'S VICTORIA'S TITLE

VICTORIA retained the National Youth Championship Title by defeating South Australia 5-1 in the Final at Parklea Stadium, Sydney.

The week long scheduled programme suffered some severe interruptions due to Sydney's recent inclement weather.

Despite the interruptions and some poor early form, Victoria went on to clinch the Title for a record fifth time.

The Championship was a triumph for Victoria's John Markovski who notched up a total of 7 goals including 4 in the final. The win also enabled coach Tim White to set a record for the number of National Championship wins.

The week began on Tuesday with all games cancelled and the schedule had to be rearranged.

At the capital's College of Advanced Education all States played two games each in their respective groups.

Victoria opened its account by coming from behind to defeat Northern New South Wales who had taken an early lead

through Peter Murray. However, after Markovski equalised the Vics went on to clinch a 2-1 win with a late goal by Damian More.

The Blues' joy received a severe jolt in the afternoon game when it went down 1-2 to Queensland after completely dominating a scoreless first half. The results at the end of day one were as follows:

Group A
Victoria 2, New South Wales 1
Queensland 1, A.C.T. 1
Northern NSW 1, ACT 0
Queensland 2, Victoria 1.

Group B
New South Wales 3, South Aus. 1
Western Australia 1, Tasmania 0
NSW 1, Western Australia 0
South Australia 1, Tasmania 1

By Thursday it was back to Sydney and a very heavy Marconi training ground.

Conditions were certainly becoming a great leveller, and at this stage only NSW was showing any signs of consistent form as it convincingly disposed of Tasmania 4-0.

Victoria with its coach removed from the bench, managed only a draw with ACT but the result was enough to clinch a semi-final spot.

By TIM WHITE

Results at the end of the day two:

Group A
Queensland 1, Northern NSW 1
Victoria 1, ACT 1

Group B
New South Wales 4, Tasmania 1
South Australia 5, W. Australia 1

Friday was semi-final day which was contested at Marconi.

Victoria was pitted against arch rival New South Wales, and chose the semi-final to play to its capabilities and at last it found some form.

New South Wales took an early lead through Milan Blagojevic and held the advantage until half time. However, the Vics equalised in the 50th minute with a superb 20 metre volley from George Sifkas.

The game appeared to be heading for extra time when Gary Hasler hit a shot against the bar and it was punched off the line by a NSW defender.

John Markovski, who was celebrating his 18th birthday, slammed home the resultant spot kick and

the Victorian team was set for its record 5th final. South Australia dominated the second semi-final and defeated Queensland 2-1 with goals by Veart and Brazzale.

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Semi-Finals
Victoria 2, New South Wales 1
South Australia 2, Queensland 1

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John Markovski opened the scoring in the second minute with the best goal of the Tournament, and this score remained until half time. Markovski increased the lead one minute into the second half before Steve Horvat added a third three minutes later.

Markovski made it a personal triumph with two more goals to put Victoria into a 5-0 lead.

South Australia scored a consolation goal with a late penalty which was converted by Nick Stamatelopoulos.

Saturday's Results:
Final
Victoria 5, South Australia 1
Third Place:
New South Wales 1, Queensland 0
Fifth Place:
Tasmania 2, ACT 1

The young Socceroo Squad selected by Les Scheinflug:

Alexios, Horvat, Valencic, Sifkas, Markovski, Feris (VIC), Flan, Allport, Bennit, Rafines, Blagojevic, Jee (NSW), Murray, Roberts (NNSW), Geitz, Haddow (Qld), Mills, Veart, Brazzale (SA), Nicolou, Patterson (WA)

P. Malcom, P. Batic, P. Juric, S. Mantone, D. Mori.

Victoria's assistant coach was Gary Dunkerly and the Physiotherapist

was Greg Cunningham. Their contributions were invaluable and a tribute to both of them was the

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further punishment was that the ASF had received several critical calls from the public and also there had been a "strong" letter from the Australian Olympic Federation.

Surely Papasavas and Constantine at least, being lawyers would be aware of the concept of double jeopardy.

If you are tried for murder and acquitted, you can boast with impunity that you committed the crime because you cannot be tried for it again.

But apparently the accepted principles of justice and a fair trial don't apply to soccer players.

The verdict was bad enough, but the way that McDowall was informed is a disgrace that the ASF should never be allowed to live down.

He was awakened early on Sunday morning by a Sydney journalist to be interviewed for radio.

Yes, it was that same journalist who seems to have a pipeline straight into the ASF's inner sanctum.

McDowall phoned ASF Executive Brian Emery who confirmed the news, adding, "blame the power of the

Press", whatever that might mean.

As we write (on Wednesday), McDowall still hasn't been notified... Constantine says he is going "to issue a statement".

The player is shattered, and although he has been advised to appeal, he is realistic enough to know that it would probably be a waste of time.

McDowall is a friend of mine, and I know what this episode has cost him. You have to be close to people who play soccer for their country to know what it costs them.

Most of them find it impossible to keep a job. McDowall in the last two and a half years has never had a steady job, national training schedules have seen to that.

He's been a scaffolder, a labourer, worked in a fish and chip shop... you name it, he's done it.

Now the dream is over, all he's worked for has gone down the drain, and he's not going to be given a chance to rehabilitate himself.

I saw him play for his club last Sunday, and despite being broken-hearted, he still gave everything, because that's the sort of guy he is.

I know he did wrong in Christchurch, but by God he's being made to pay for it, isn't he?



John Markovski.



Les Scheinflug

Whilst the Victorian contingent was thrilled that six of its players had been selected for the young Socceroos, there was some surprise expressed that Paul Juric and goal keeper Paul Malcom had been overlooked.

TRANSFER FEE REGULATION OVERDUE

JUVE WANTS \$1,500 FOR MINICHIELLO

SOCCER officials have been talking for decades about the need to regulate transfer fees, without ever doing anything about it.

Why not follow the lead of Rugby League in Sydney?

Here is the formula that League clubs use in paying for players.

\$36,000 — player with three or more tests in previous two years;
\$30,000 — one to two levels;

\$26,000 — international with no tests;
\$24,000 — state-of-origin representative;

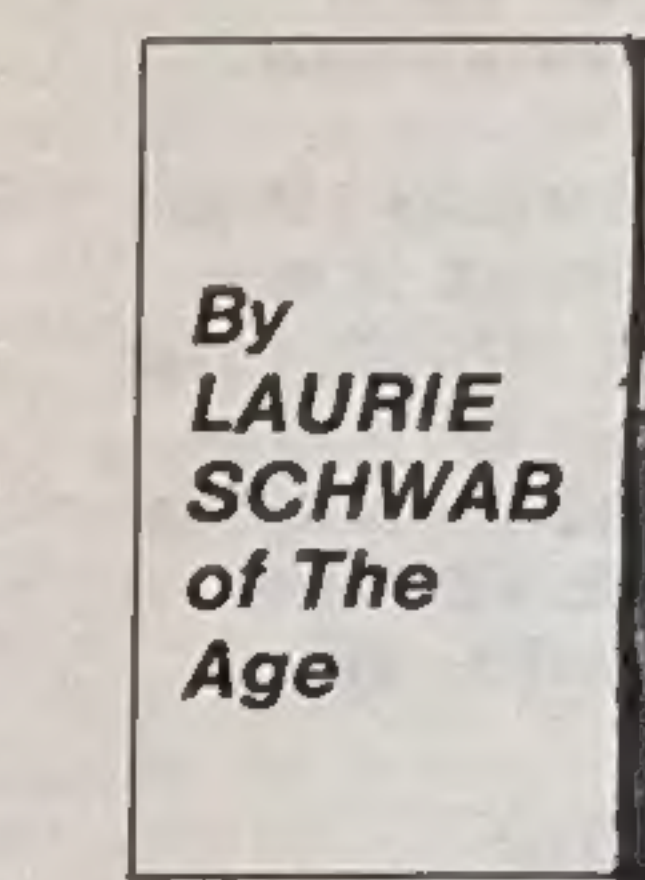
\$20,000 — Sydney representative;
\$18,000 — 20 or more first grade games;

\$8,000 — 20 more first reserves;
\$7,500 — country representative;

\$4,000 — country divisional representative;

\$1,600 — 20 or more grades;

\$1,200 — junior



By LAURIE SCHWAB of The Age

district representative.

Interesting to note that Brunswick Juventus values Rino Minichiello at



the same level as a Sydney representative, but is willing to do South Melbourne Hellas a special favor and let him go for a mere \$15,000.

Yet it told Minichiello on his return from Italy where he played for Ariano, that there was no place for him in the Juventus senior squad and that he should train with the reserves.

Juventus also revoked Minichiello's permission to train with Hellas.

Minichiello will, of course, appeal against the high price.

WHY NO TOUR?

The ASF has passed up a South American tour which would have been of valuable assistance in the Socceroos' World Cup bid.

Various countries already had agreed to host the Australian team.

If the Socceroos win the Oceania qualifying group, starting with matches against Fiji later this year, they will have to pay off home and away against a South American country, meaning the tour would have given them an idea of the Latin's standard and also the conditions to expect in that part of the world.

★★★

BIG Alex Marshall transferred from Polonia to Holland Park late last week and promptly scored one of the goals in a 2-0 victory over Langwarrin.

Marshall and Aki Kotzamalichis of George Cross are the two biggest men in soccer, with Marshall beating big Aki by virtue of his width.

Says Aki: "I've told Alex not to lie on the

beach because kids will mistake him for a beached whale and throw water on him."

Before deciding on Holland Park, policeman Marshall trained for a while with Clarinda.

And talking about Clarinda, its coach John Kennedy and former team mates Jim Armstrong and Steve Walker were at the Hellas-St George game at Middle Park on Sunday.

Kennedy played in goal for Hellas, Armstrong was its top scorer and Walker the centre half.

Armstrong, who still holds the record for the most goals scored by a player in the State League, is now secretary of Hellas.

Walker is into lawn bowls. "He bowls a mean ball," says Kennedy.

Rino Minichiello.



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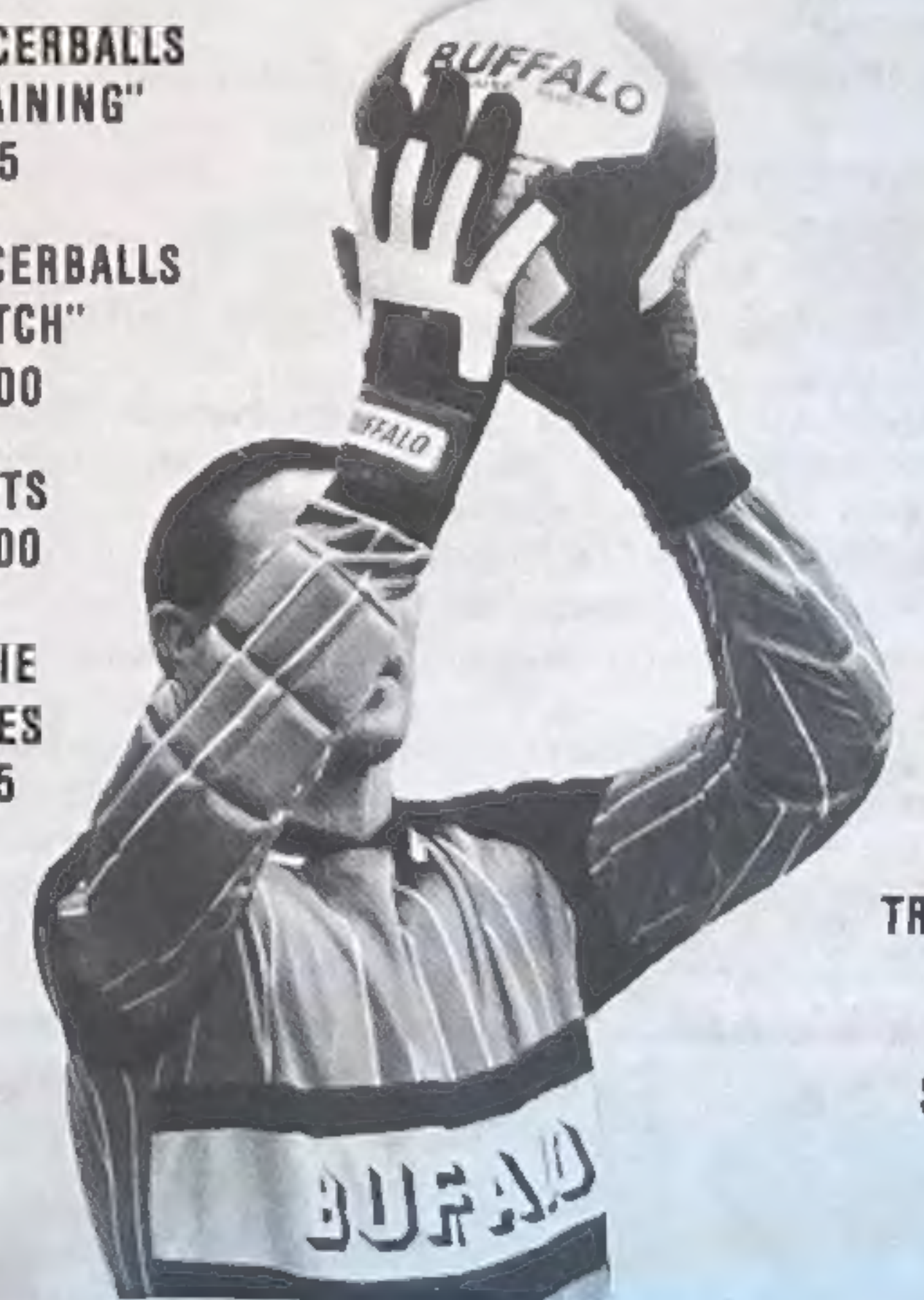
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Alex Marshall (in front) and Aki Kotzamalichis in action together.

NATIONAL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Round Eleven Details

MARCONI 1 (Nastevski 65th) SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Lamond 52nd)

at Marconi Stadium, Sunday Referee G. Power Cautions Jennings (S.C.), Farina (Marc)

MARCONI: Catlin — (de Jong 78th), Henderson, Calderan, Wheatly — Mason, Gomez, Gray, McCulloch (Nastevski 62nd) — Lowe, Farina. Coach Berti Mariani.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken — Jones, Hunter, Rozic, Jennings — Clinch, Rezo, Arnold, Foster — Lamond (Fitzharris 90th) Slater (Ingham 84th). Coach Vedran Rozic.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Egan 31st)

WOLLONGONG 2 (Brazil 15th, Morlando 51st).

at Olympic Village, Sunday. Crowd 850 Referee J. Fraser.

JUVENTUS: Marama, Brown, Yzendoros 69th, Tsalakis, Postecoglou — (Inj. McGrellis HT), McDowall, Patterson, Lane — Palatsides, Egan. Coach Len McKendry.

WOLLONGONG: Young — Skeen, Ratcliffe, Vlietstra, Hollifield — Brodnik, Ainsworth, Morlando, Crainie — Brazil, Easthorpe. Coach John Fleming.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 0

ST. GEORGE 2 (O'Shea 4th, Fletcher 88th)

at Middle Park, Sunday. Crowd 4,573. Referee C. Bambridge.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Glatas — Healy, Russell, Blair, Mitchell (Tasios HT) — Wade, Kalogeros (Taliadoros 69th), Tsalakis, Postecoglou — Trimboli, Wright. Coach Brian Garvey.

ST. GEORGE: Gibson — Green, Moffitt, O'Connor, Grbevski — O'Shea, Pottier, Hagan (Fletcher 71st), Ricoy — Tortevski (Ilic 59th) Ollerenshaw. Coach Frank Arok.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Saad 60th)

FOOTSCRAY 1 (Dimoski 23rd)

at Sydney Football Stadium, Saturday. Crowd 2,711. Referee R. Davies.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling — Hooker, Coady, Haniotis, Ironside — Phillips, Saad, Polak, Lee (Pontidas HT) — Patalis (Oustmabasidis 77th), Kosmina. Coach Eddie Thomson.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic — Deankovic — Fabrizio, van Egmond, Karic, Barjaktarevic — Murphy, Crino, Bozinovski — Spink, Dimoski. Coach Mirsad Fazlagich.

APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Bundalo 3rd)

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Maxwell 70th)

at Wentworth Park Sunday. Crowd 1045. Referee T. Seacy. Sent off Melita (Adcity).

APIA LEICHHARDT: Greedy — de Marigny, Yankos, Bertogna, Brown — Bundalo, Phillips, Watson (Stewart 75th), Butler — McKinna, Ward (Phillips 68th). Coach Doug Utjesenovic.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica — Shillabeer, Nyskohus, Flounders, Tobin — Melita (sent off 72nd), Northcote, Sorensen (Santrac 84th), Vidmar — Mullen, Maxwell. Coach Zoran Matic.

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Dwyer 76th)

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Dimovski 73rd)

at Richlands, Sunday. Crowd 1010. Referee R. Marchall.

BRISBANE LIONS: Kearton — Ogden, Liddell (Inj. Clarkson HT), Mengotti, Bassingthwaite (Druery 65th) — Niven, Hunter, Halford, Dwyer — Meredith, Lightbown. Coach Juan Cutillas.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianides — Opatinis, Jackson, Tasevski (Inj. Piculovski 18th), Roodhouse — Stewart, Petrov, Campbell, Gojevic — Dimovski, Stevenson. Caretaker — coach Ron Campbell.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 2 (Clark 36th, Campelj 88th)

MELBOURNE CROATIA 0

at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday. Crowd 3548. Referee

GEORGE CROSS: Keogh — Marth, Waddell, Parton, Campelj — Markovac, McLaren, Carter, Markovski — Lennon, Clark. Coach John Gardiner.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Olver — Davidson, Hannah (Babic 67th), Dobson, Heys — Biskic, Selemidis, Donnelly, Milosevic (Caleta 78th) — Scott, Lewis. Coach Ian Wallace.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Lewis 55th)

SYDNEY CROATIA (Arnold 81st)

at Olympic Park Wednesday (postponed from round ten) Crowd 975. Referee D. Voutsinas.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Olver — Davidson, Hannah, Dobson, Heys — Biskic, Selemidis, Donnelly, Milosevic — Scott, Lewis. Coach Ian Wallace.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken — Savor, Hunter, Rozic, Jennings — Rezo (Foster 76th), Clinch, Arnold, Jones — Lamond, Slater. Coach Vedran Rozic.

HOW THEY STAND

NATIONAL LEAGUE LADDER

YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS ROUND 11
SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 CLARINDA 0
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 7 CLIFTON HILL 0
HEIDELBERG UNITED 1 PRESTON 5
OAKLEIGH 0 FOOTSCRAY 5
NUNAWADING CITY 3 WAV/MUL 1
S. GEORGE CROSS 5 MELB. CROATIA 2
CAULFIELD bye

YOUTH LEAGUE ROUND 12 Sunday April 24th 1988

NUNAWADING CITY v OAKLEIGH 1.00 pm
FOOTSCRAY v SUNSHINE G.X. 12.30 pm
CAULFIELD CITY v HEIDELBERG UTD 1.00 pm
PRESTON v BRUNSWICK U.J. 12.30 pm
CLIFTON HILL v STH. MELBOURNE 3.00 pm
CLARINDA v WAV/MUL UTD 1.00 pm
MELBOURNE CROATIA v Bye

Leading Goalscorers

8 Paul Lewis (M. Cr.) (2pens)	McLaren (G.X)
7 Farina (Marc)	Meredith (Lions)
6 Postecoglou (S.M.)	Nastevski (Marc)
5 Ollerenshaw (St.G)	Taliadoros (S.M)
Phillips (APIA)	Trimboli (S.M)
Spink (Foots)	Vidmar (Adcity)
Saad (Olymp) (2 pens)	2 Ainsworth (Woll) (pen)
4 Clark (G.X.)	Brodnik (Woll)
Egan (Juve)	Bundalo (APIA)
Gray (Marc)	Campelj (G.X)
Maxwell (Adcity)	Carter (G.X)
Phillips (APIA)	Dwyer (Lions)
R.Stewart (Lions)	Druery (Lions)
Tasios (S.M)	Fletcher (St. G)
3 Brazil (Woll)	Gomez (Marc)
Crino (Foots)	Hagan (St.G)
Dimoski (Foots)	Lightbown (Lions)
Easthorpe (Woll)	Lowe (Marc)
Koczka (St. G)	Murphy (M. Cro)
Lennon (G.X.)	Nastevski (Mark)
	Pontidas (Olympic)



Frank Farina (left) and Paul Lewis vying for the lead

YOUTH LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
PRESTON	9	8	0	1	31	10	16
STH MELBOURNE	9	7	2	0	25	7	16
SUNSHINE G.X.	9	7	0	2	38	10	14
BU JUVENTUS	9	5	2	2	29	10	12
MELBOURNE CROATIA	10	4	3	3	22	19	11
Footscray	10	4	1	5	14	17	9
Oakleigh	9	3	3	3	19	26	9
Clarinda	9	4	0	5	15	26	8
Clifton Hill	10	2	4	4	20	34	8
Caulfield City	9	3	1	5	14	20	7
Heidelberg Utd	9	1	4	4	9	19	6
Nunawading City	10	2	2	6	13	28	6
Wav/Mul Utd.	9	0	0	9	8	30	0

JUVENTUS CRASH

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Egan 31st)

WOLLONGONG CITY 2 (Brazil 15th, Skeen 50th)

NATIONAL Soccer League tail-enders Brunswick sank deeper into trouble with a 2-1 defeat at home to Wollongong.

The result leaves Juventus firmly entrenched on the bottom of the League with only one win from ten games.

And to make matters worse, Soccerroo midfielder Mike Petersen was forced off at half time with a groin injury.

Striker Andrew Zinni, having spent the last fortnight resting, broke his finger at training on Friday and will be sidelined for at least a week.

A meagre crowd of 850 saw an even and closely fought tussle but the key to Wollongong's victory was

MAN OF THE MATCH: ALAN BRAZIL

Charlie Egan equalised for Brunswick in the 31st minute when he masterfully fielded the ball and hit it on the turn past Wollongong's goalkeeper Warwick Young.

But Wollongong wrapped up the match in the 50th minute when a David Skeen cross was deflected to Jock Morlando who headed it in at the far post.

Frank McGrellis, who came on for Petersen at half time, had two shots which hit the woodwork.

Preston's Tasevski Injured

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Dwyer 76th) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Gojevic 73rd)

TWO players left the field with serious knee injuries in Brisbane Lions 1-1 draw with Preston at Richlands.

MAN OF THE MATCH: STEVE GOJEVIC

GEORGE CROSS 2 (Clark 36th, Campelj 88th) MELBOURNE CROATIA 0

SUNSHINE George Cross continued its gradual climb up the ladder with a stout 2-0 win over Melbourne Croatia at Chaplin Reserve.

John Markovski set up the opening goal swinging the ball across for Gary Clark to run onto and slam his shot past the on-rushing Jeff Olver in the 36th minute.

The second goal came two minutes from the end, killing off a period of sustained pressure from Melbourne Croatia.

Markovski again figured in the goal, robbing a Melbourne Croatia defender, running at the backline and hitting a shot which was blocked.

The loose ball ran kindly for John Campelj to plant the rebound home.

Both sides had further chances to score in an action-packed match.

Cross midfielder Les Carter headed off the line from a header by Theo Selemidis after 23 minutes and Josip Biskic glanced his header wide after Branko Milosevic had fended off three challenges to send over a good cross to the far post.

Lions, who started the match in third-last place, hit back three minutes later when Peter Dwyer was able to rise unchallenged in the Preston goalmouth to head home a Grant Lightbown cross.

A shot by John Waddell took a deflection off Graham Heys and

in the 69th minute, slip the

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NSL REPORTS

Marconi Hold Sydney Croatia

SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Lamond 52nd) MARCONI 1 (Nastevski 73rd)

SYDNEY Croatia threw away a golden opportunity to get back on the winners' list when it was held to a 1-1 draw at Bossley Park by Marconi.

In front of a large crowd, Croatia continually created goal-scoring chances only to fail at the vital moment.

Following a dreary first half, where action was minimal, Manis Lamond and his front-running partner, Robbie Slater brought the game to life with some sensational wing play.

Croatia produced the free-flowing football it has been known for in the past

MAN OF THE MATCH: ROBBIE SLATER

and the two young strikers relished the opportunity to run at the lethargic Marconi defence.

The duo instigated the Croatia goal in the 52nd minute when Slater raced down the right flank and crossed low and hard for Lamond to prod the ball into the net, following a mistake by Paul Carter.

The equaliser was started in the 73rd minute by Marconi defender Craig Mason and finished with David Lowe backheeling the ball into the path of Zlatko

Nastevski whose low drive beat Anthony Franken.

Both teams had second half chances and if Slater had brought his scoring boots, he could have finished with a hat-trick.

Croatia captain coach Vedran Rozic admitted later that he's under some pressure from within the club.

"I am feeling the pressure somewhat but this is part of the game and when a team is not producing results, the coach will always be the first one looked at."

"But I am quite used to this kind of pressure and will go on playing and coaching as I have done previously," he said.

Mariani conceded his team had played one of

their worst games of the season.

"This was not a good performance but we did come back after they had scored," he said.

"The first half was a stalemate, I thought we did well late in the game considering their very mobile forward line but we played into their hands in the first 45 minutes."

Soccerroo striker Graham Arnold was forthright in his comments when he said: "I wish I could get back into the forward line, because there are plenty of chances being created."

"We were a much better team than Marconi, they have a couple of chances while we had at least half a dozen."

UNLUCKY FOOTSCRAY

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Saad 60th) FOOTSCRAY 1 (Dimoski 23rd)

MAN OF THE MATCH: KEN MURPHY

Footscray was unlucky not to come back with both points from this encounter with Olympic

at the new Sydney Football Stadium on Saturday night.

Footscray's midfielders got an iron grip on the game early on, and when Milan Dimoski put the Blues ahead in the 23rd minute after good work by Warren Spink

and Vlado Bozinovski, the writing was on the wall for Eddie Thompson's outfit.

But centre-backs Mike Coady, back after a long injury lay-off and George Haniotis, backed up by Kiwi 'keeper Clint Gosling managed to keep the rampant Blues at bay.

Then on the hour, midfielder Jason Polak combined well with the other Kiwi, Robbie Ironside overlapping well and Ironside's cross was headed home powerfully by Abbas Saad.

But it was a good pint to come home with and augurs well for Footscray's big clash next week with George Cross.

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South Crash

SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 ST GEORGE 2 (O'Shea 3rd, Fletcher 88th) ST GEORGE 2 (O'Shea 3rd, Fletcher 88th)

ALTHOUGH

siege for most of the match, St George still managed to break free and beat League leader South Melbourne 2-0 at Middle Park.

The victory maintains St. George's rapid improvement since its coach Frank Arok returned from his Olympic commitments as Soccerroo coach.

Defender Mike O'Shea headed St George into the lead after a corner from Alan Pottier in the third minute.

But South Melbourne then took command and had most of the play until substitute Graeme Fletcher took advantage of a defensive mistake by Paul Wade to score the second goal two minutes before the end.

St George centre backs O'Shea and Steve O'Connor defended grandly against South Melbourne's non-stop attack.

Relying mainly on the swift breakaway, St George aimed the ball at its speedy Soccerroo striker Scott Ollerenshaw, who was supported by big New Zealander Kevin Hagan, until he was replaced by Fletcher.

St George should have wrapped up the match in the 11th minute but midfielder Craig Moffitt, receiving the ball from Vlade

Tortevski unmarked eight metres from goal, missed with his shot.

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At half time, South Melbourne replaced left back Harris Mitchell with midfielder Steve Tasios who had been omitted due to injury.

Angie Postecoglou, who had been playing in central midfield, returned to his customary left back position.

Shortly afterwards Arok replaced Tortevski with young forward Zoran Ilic.

Postecoglou, storming forward down the left, accepted a short pass from Trimboli to launch South Melbourne's best shot of the game in the 62nd minute, but goalkeeper Mike Gibson made a brilliant save.

Gibson was forced into action again only seconds later when Steve Blair came weaving through the St George defence.

Gibson courageously lunged into Blair's path, deflecting the shot past the post for a corner.

Both players were hurt in the collision but recovered to play on.

With 20 minutes to go, South replaced George Kalogeros with Kim Taliadoros while Fletcher came on for Hagan.

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● Alan Brazil.



● Juve's Brian Brown & 'Gong's Randall Easthorpe.



● Heidelberg's Claude Lucchesi beats Falcons' John O'Callaghan.



● Garry McDowall beats Jock Morlando of Woollongong.



● Arthur Paliniotis (left) is grassed by Falcons' Manny Gotis.



● Woollongong's Jock Morlando.

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How much power should supporters have?

Soccer has had more than its fair share of unsavoury incidents over the year, but few, if any, come as indigestible as the Scott Fraser case.

Fraser, who played for Glasgow Rangers before coming to Australia three years ago, has been put on the transfer list by Heidelberg United at the request, or should I say, the demand of the supporters.

Fraser is being blamed for the club being relegated from the West End National League. As you will undoubtedly recall, Heidelberg was found guilty of fielding Fraser against Footscray JUST when it had one more temporary visa player than it was allowed.

Heidelberg won that game 3-0 and Footscray immediately protested.

After three hearings, Footscray eventually won its case. Two points were deducted from Heidelberg's total and that allowed Sunshine George Cross to move up a place and put Heidelberg in the State League.

A quiet large group of supporters haven't forgotten that and despite all reason have decided that it was all Fraser's fault.

Obviously he should have made sure the club was doing all the right things before signing a contract.

Recently he has been subjected to a hate campaign that is sickening in its intensity.

He has been jeered and spat on and generally treated like a leper.

Still he battled on trying to ignore the poisonous prejudice pouring from troubled minds.

"There was no way I was going to give in to that kind of thing," he told me.

"I made up my mind that I wasn't going to let it worry me.

By BOB BRIAN
of the
Melbourne
Herald



"I concentrated hard on the games and I believe I was playing well."

In the end it was the club which finally threw in the towel.

Said former president Peter Tsaklis: "We were getting phone calls from supporters saying they would not be attending games while Fraser was at the club."

"Had it been only a few we would have ignored, but there were many."

"We had no option but to bow to the pressures."

"No club can exist without its supporters and we had to reluctantly put Fraser up for sale."

"I'm not particularly proud of the decision, but had to choose between the player and the club."

"Although we have put \$7,500 on his head, we will not be hard to deal with."

"I want to make it as easy as I can for him to get another club."

Just how easy that will be remains to be seen. Fraser is still a temporary visa player although he is about to apply for permanency and most clubs have their full quota.

But the real question here is: How much power should supporters have?

It is fairly obvious that those who have been striving for the dismissal of Fraser have a somewhat twisted outlook on the situation.

Fraser signed on as a player. All he was obliged to know was the terms of his contract. Certainly he could not be expected to enquire about the visa situation.

Heidelberg still insist that it was in no way to blame. That the mistake was made by the NSL.

The fact that it took four hearings to finally come to a conclusion is proof of just how complicated the matter was.

No one even half way sane could fault Fraser and Tsaklis freely admits that if anyone was to blame it was either the club or the NSL and there can be no argument there.

But to castigate an innocent player because of a juvenile insistence that black is white is a clear condemnation of the people involved.

Notice Peter Tsaklis did not say he was approached face to face.

The complaints and threats were made by telephone. Which gives a fair indication of the type of person involved.



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Round Seven Details

OAKLEIGH 1 (Livingstone 63rd pen.) WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Tuck 25th)

At Caloola Reserve, Saturday. Referee J. Stojkovic. Cautions Kopsaltis, Metaxas (WS) Laletas (O).
OAKLEIGH: Kardamitis 8 — Laletas 6 (Stamatis 52nd), Politis 7, Guscic 6, Halford 8 — Grutzmacher 6, Livingstone 7, Vardaxis 6, Ross 6 — Ward 6 (Nicolaidis 85th). Dick 6. Coach Takis Sviggos.
WESTERN SUBURBS: Hatzilazarou 7 — Kagioglou 6, Esposito 6, Markovski 6, Pender 5 — Kopsaltis 5, Metaxas 6, Hamill 6, Dimovski 6 — Tuck 6, Daley 6. Coach Jim Condallis.
Ansett best player award: Kardamitis (O) 3, Daley (WS) 2, Halford (O) 1.

HEIDELBERG UNITED 2 (Morovic 33rd, Valentine 82nd) MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Webster 46th)

At Olympic Village, Saturday. Referee P. Mateski.
HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7 — Kanesoulis 6, Patiniotis 8, Ousalkas 7, Bordignon 6 — Valentine 7, Lucchesi 7, Theodosopoulos 5, Raynes 6 — Anastasiadis 7, Morovic 7, Coach Terry Hennessy.
MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds 6 — Bennett 7, Clarke 7, Bruns 7, Jeff Doyle 7 — Drakeford 8, Jim Doyle (inj) 12th, Gotis 6, O'Callaghan 6, Webster 8 — Cassar 6, Stinton 6 (Sokoluk 88th). Coach Bob McLachlan.
Ansett best player award: Patiniotis (H) 3, Drakeford (MF) 2, Webster (MF) 1.

GREEN GULLY 1 (O'Donnell 23rd) BULLEEN 0

At Gully Reserve, Sunday. Referee C. Ellis. Cautions Wilson, Douglas (G.G.), Boin (B).
GREEN GULLY: Sant 8 — Napoli 6, Cutler 7, Farquarson 7, Grimaud 6 — Bozikas 6, Angele 6 (Curcio 80th), Boarotto 6, D'Amico 6 (Sella 65th) — Trogrlic 6, Lujic 7. Coach Jimmy Rooney.
Ansett best player award: Contini (B) 3, Sant (G.G.) 2, Krajacic (B) 1.
BULLEEN: Contini 8 — Ruccia 7, Krajacic 8, Curulli 7, Boin 6 — Bozikas 6, Angele 6 (Curcio 80th), Boarotto 6, D'Amico 6 (Sella 65th) — Trogrlic 6, Lujic 7. Coach Jimmy Rooney.
Ansett best player award: Contini (B) 3, Sant (G.G.) 2, Krajacic (B) 1.

RINGWOOD CITY 1 (May 27th) ST ALBANS 2 (Popovski 40th, 62nd)

At Jubilee Park, Sunday. Referee E. Venios. Caution Whitehouse (R).
RINGWOOD CITY: Jensen 6 — May 6, Nolan 5, Whitehouse 7, Cumming 8 — Huijolt 6 (Verniers 80th), Nelson 5, Corvan 7, Davie 7 — Middlemast 6, Najt 6. Coach Hans Petersen.
ST ALBANS: Grgic 8 — Dragovic 7, Colina 7, Gagulic 7, Juric 6 (Adbaltam 83rd) — Macasevic 6, Duzel 8, Culina 7, Rastocic 6 — Popovski 7, Kelic 6. Coach Tony Vrzina.
Ansett best player award: Duzel (SLA) 3, Cumming (RC) 2, Grgic (SLA) 1.

NORTHCOTE CITY 3 (Woodall, pen 10th, Ramos 55th, Gilder 65th) SPRINGVALE CITY 0

At John Cain Reserve, Sunday. Referee T. Sorensen. Sent off Bissinger (S).
NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia 7 — Leonardos 7, Palmariotti 7, Kouremenos 5, J. Constantinou 9 — Woodall 8, N. Constantinou 6 (Gymnopoulos 85th), Beklaris 6 — Gilder 8, Ramos 7, Sontos 6. Coach Roy McLaren.
SPRINGVALE CITY: Boland 7 — Rau 7, White 7, Bissinger (sent off), Kraal 7 — Findlay 7, Bell 7, Bozic 7 — Settle 6 (Black 55th), Bryden 6, Morrey 6. Coach Gus MacLeod.
Ansett best player award: J. Constantinou (N) 3, Woodall (N) 2, Gilder (N) 1.

MARIBYRNONG 3 (Lakic 11th, de Bono 71st, Warszawski 85th), CROYDON CITY 1 (French 30th)

At Raleigh Reserve, Sunday. Referee S. Zoumas. Sent off French (C).
MARIBYRNONG: Kostrzewa 8 — Liparski 7, Stojcevic 6, Innes 7, Smolarek 7 — Watson 8, Baran 7, Bonk 8, Chetcuti 7 — Lakic 7 (de Bono 70th), Warszawski 7. Coach Jim McIntyre.
CROYDON CITY: M. Runje 5 — Brown 6, McIntosh 6, Langsbury 5, R. Runje 7 — Brack 6, Campbell 7, van Egmond 7 — French (sent off), G. Runje 7, Humble 6. Coach Miron Bleiberg.
Ansett best player award: Kostrzewa (M) 3, Watson (M) 2, Warszawski (M) 1.

FAWKNER 2 (Hennessy 75th, Verechia 76th) CAULFIELD CITY 0

At Smith Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Fearn. Caution Verechia (F).
FAWKNER: Wilson 7 — Walsh 8, Hennessy 6, Henderson 6, Angele 6 — Sabatino 7, Cullen 5, Verechia 6, Stenson 6 — Brown 5, Storm 6. Coach Mike Lynn.
CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer 6 — Bitsonis 6, Harris 5, Fattore 6, Filipou 6 — Hamakiotis 6, Alagiozidis 6, Griffin 8, Boutislanis 6 (Zemunik 70th), Goutzioulis 6, Cozzella 6 (Abraam 83rd), Coach Rocco Ilie.
Ansett best player award: Griffin (C) 3, Walsh (F) 2, Wilson (F) 1.

BOX HILL 2 (Brimmer 44th, 57th) THOMASTOWN 3 (Lewis 15th, Athersych 70th, McGuinness 76th)

At Wembley Park, Referee M. Kondogiannis. Sent off C. Davidson (BH).
BOX HILL: McKinlay 6 — McMorrow 6, Davidson (sent off), Martinucci 6, Roodhouse 8 — Burton 6, Brimmer 7, McAleer 6 (Mazzagetti 75th), Thomas 7 — McBride 7, Aretis 6. Coach John Brown.
THOMASTOWN: Raponi 5 — Arcorad 6, Mihailidis 6, Higgins 7, De Propertis 7 — Carfori 6, Lewis 6, Mihos 5, Raguso 5 — McGuinness 8, Athersych 8. Coach Bill Murray.
Ansett best player award: Roodhouse (BH) 3, Athersych (T) 2, McGuinness (T) 1.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
HEIDELBERG UTD	7	6	0	1	15	4	12
NORTHCOTE CITY	7	5	2	0	14	3	12
CROYDON CITY	7	4	2	1	7	4	10
ST. ALBANS	7	4	2	1	12	10	10

Green Gully	7	3	3	1	8	5	9
Thomastown	7	4	1	2	7	8	9
Maribyrnong	7	3	1	3	11	10	7
Caulfield City	7	2	3	2	8	7	7
Box Hill	7	2	2	3	9	10	6
Fawkner	7	2	1	4	4	5	5

Oakleigh	7	1	3	3	5	7	5
Bulleen	7	1	3	3	3	7	5
Springvale City	7	1	3	3	3	9	5
Morwell Falcons	7	1	2	4	3	7	4
Ringwood City	7	1	1	5	8	14	3
Western Suburbs	7	1	1	5	7	14	3

RESERVES

OAKLEIGH 0 WESTERN SUBURBS 0
HEIDELBERG 0 MORWELL FALCONS 1
MARIBYRNONG 2 CROYDON CITY 1
GREEN GULLY 2 BULLEEN 2
RINGWOOD CITY 0 ST ALBANS 0
NORTHCOTE CITY 5, SPRINGVALE CITY 0
BOX HILL 1, THOMASTOWN 1
FAWKNER 2 CAULFIELD CITY 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Northcote City	7	6	1	0	26	6	13
Box Hill	7	5	1	1	24	8	11
Fawkner	7	5	1	1	14	7	11
Green Gully	7	4	2	1	16	9	10
Morwell Falcons	7	4	2	1	10	6	10
Caulfield City	7	4	1	2	18	8	9
Ringwood City	7	3	1	3	17	13	7
Maribyrnong	7	3	1	3	13	14	7
Thomastown	7	2	3	2	13	16	7
Bulleen	7	2	2	3	14	12	6
Heidelberg Utd	7	2	2	3	13	18	6
St Albans	7	2	2	3	10	15	6
Western Suburbs	7	2	1	4	6	21	5
Croydon City	7	2	0	5	8	8	4
Springvale City	7	0	0	7	3	23	0
Oakleigh	7	0	0	7	5	26	0

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Higgins (Thorn)	Raynes (Heid)
4. Bruns (M.F.)	Curulli (Bull)
Burton (B.H.)	Cumming (Ring)
7. Contini (Bull)	Curulli (Bull)
McIntosh (Croyd)	Cumming (Ring)
Ramos (North)	Curulli (Bull)
Kostrzewa (Mar)	Gilder (North)
6. Culina (SLA)	Kostrzewa (Mar)
Kardamitis (Oak)	Nijholt (Ring)
Lucchesi (H)	Roodhouse (B.H.)
McKinlay (B.H.)	Theoharous (Caul)
Woodall (North)	Turudia (North)
5. Banovic (Heid)	Webster (M.F.)
Cullen (Fawk)	



MORWELL FALCONS 1988

Back Row: Andrew Halkett, Dave Reynolds, Emil Bruns, Gerry Clarke, Gerry Bennett, Manny Gotis, Ian Stinton, John Sokoluk.
Front Row: Effie Cassar, Jim Doyle, John O'Callaghan, Stan Webster, Ken Drakeford, Jeff Doyle.

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BERGERS, NORTHCOTE SHARE LEAD

- CROYDON CRASHES
- HEIDELBERG HAS CLOSE CALL
- NORTHCOTE STILL UNBEATEN

CROYDON City's defeat at Maribyrnong leaves Northcote City the only unbeaten team in the State League, a remarkable state of affairs for a club that started relegation in the face for most of last season.

Whilst there are some new faces in the squad, a lot of the improvement has to be down to coach Roy McLaren's sensible approach, based on his wide experience over seas.

McLaren doesn't go overboard at all, even in the face of adversity brought about by refereeing disasters.

I was in the Northcote dressing room after the fighting draw his team had earned itself at St. Albans and he was more interested in praising his players' team spirit than in grumbling about the harshness of Stan Thodis' sending off.

If you put the matter directly to him, he acknowledges that a lot of State League refereeing is diabolically bad, but for him it's a case of swings and roundabouts... sometimes the decisions go your way and sometimes they don't. So he had every sympathy for Gus MacLeod whose Springvale side virtually lost the match when it

coincided a penalty and had a player sent off in the same incident.

There were three more send-offs in the State League last weekend.

That brings the total of 32 in First and Reserve matches this season, and we've only been playing seven weeks!

If the trend continues there won't be any need to hold a Rothmans Medal dinner, there'll be no-one left to win the medal.

Graham French has had a long and chequered career in Victorian soccer, but he underwent a new experience on Sunday when he was sent off after a confrontation with the referee in the dressing-room, of all places, at half-time!

What on earth was the referee doing in the dressing room in the first place? There's an old adage about refereeing that says that the most important law is that unwritten one about using your own commonsense.

It sometimes seems to be overlooked that the spectators go to watch two teams play football.

What are they to make of it when they see twenty-two players go in at half-time and only twenty-one come out?

We all of us have a part to play in the game, players, administrators, referees, pressmen and all, but the most important person in the whole scheme of things is the fellow who pays his money at the gate and when he sees a team playing a man short for half the game over some offence he never witnessed, he's being short-changed.

Waving red and yellow cards at people isn't refereeing, because refereeing is basically man-management and having to resort to a red card means that the referee has lost control, not asserted it.

And sometimes it's so unfair too, because if the referee follows a player into the dressing room to

continue an argument it can only end one way, and that's not the player's way.

There's a virtue in turning a deaf ear at times.

Before we leave the wretched subject of State League refereeing, it has to be said that there were some strange goings-on at Heidelberg on Saturday.

Of the team of three sent to officials at the Heidelberg versus Morwell Falcons match the senior referee who is also a NSL referee had control of the RESERVE match!

He ran the line for the senior game, whilst one of his colleagues was in the middle and had a very indifferent game.

Heidelberg's winning goal came after big Dennis Morovic had impeded Falcons' goalkeeper Dave Reynolds, resulting in the ball and enabling Mick Valentine to score.

That wasn't the referee's only mistake, but it was his most important one and after the game, most of the Heidelberg players were almost shame-faced about the way they had won the game... "we pinched the points" was one player's phrase.

The result was not the only aspect of Saturday's match that Heidelberg people needed to be shame-faced about, though.

As colleague Bob Brian writes on page seven, the way that Scott Fraser is being made the scapegoat for the club's relegation last year is unfair, unsportsmanlike and sickening.

Blame last year's committee, blame the chairman of the NSL, but don't blame the player, he's an unwitting pawn in the game.

Croydon's loss, which with all due respect to Maribyrnong was unexpected, was its second blow in a week...

State League Preview By BRIAN JAMES

The first was when it was discovered that Tony Redmond's injury was more serious than first supposed, and he looks like missing the rest of the season.

Croydon will be anxious to get back on the winning list as soon as possible, and this week it meets Box Hill, ironically enough, another team that had a player sent off last week.

Croydon coach Miron Bleiberg was far from impressed by his team's second half showing, and Box Hill could feel the backlash.

Heidelberg travels to Bulleen and should win, despite Bulleen's new signing, Footscray veteran Zdravko Lujic. Heidelberg is expecting the arrival of Andy O'Dell this week, and he will probably have a run in the reserves.

Northcote has a testing encounter at Thomastown, and will probably be quite satisfied to come away with a point.

Oakleigh, desperately anxious to get out of the relegation six is seeking a striker, but was happy to welcome back 1986 Rothmans Medal winner Ally Dick who has had a long injury lay-off.

The hard grounds won't be helping Ally's knee, but at least Churchill Reserve doesn't have trenches across it like his home ground.

Morwell Falcons went away last Saturday feeling cheated, but their spectators can expect a great tussle this week against rapidly improving Maribyrnong.

Coach Jim McIntyre has got his team firing now, and you'll notice that one of the sharpest finishers in the State, Greg Warszawski is working his way up the goal-scoring table.

Given freedom from injury, he won't be far away at the finish, either. Fawkner shocked Caulfield with its second win on Sunday, but its strikers aren't performing well enough to satisfy Mike Lynn, and even bottom-placed Western Suburbs, its host on Sunday, has scored more goals.

Wests have recently imported two players and one of them, Daley, hasn't wasted any time, he was second best on the ground last week at Oakleigh.

That scored him two points in our Ansett best player award.

We have a new leader in the award, you'll notice, it's that fine midfielder Ivan Duzel of St Albans.

Duzel's having a fine season and in addition to leading the best player award, he's also one of our top goalscorers, with a 50% strike rate.

But have you noticed how goalkeepers are featuring prominently in the voting? There are no fewer than five in the top thirteen, as against only two strikers.

Could good goal-keeping be the reason for the dearth of goals this season?

This weekend's games, likely winners in capitals: SATURDAY: Caulfield City v Green Gully (draw) at Princes Park, Bulleen v HEIDELBERG at Veneto Club, Morwell Falcons v Maribyrnong at North Crinigan Reserve, ST ALBANS v Oakleigh at Churchill Reserve.

SUNDAY: Western Suburbs v FAWKNER at Ralph St Reserve, CROYDON CITY v Box Hill at Town Park, Thomastown v Northcote City (draw) at Partridge Reserve.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Letters To The Editor

Thanks

SIR: Thank you for an excellent paper covering the local scene. I like the page covering the complete ladders of Victorian games and also the super pages of local action pictures.

Could you please tell me if it is official that Dico Maradona will be coming to Australia with the Argentine team in July? Keep up the good work.

T. McCombe, Coburg.

According to the ASF, Maradona will be accompanying the Argentine team for the Bicentennial Gold Cup. — Ed.

Comprehensive

SIR: Congratulations to you guys for bringing out a publication to serve Victorian Soccer which for so long has been left in the dark.

Not since Soccer Action has there been a paper which comprehensively provides results and reports of matches played in this state.

Please keep up the good work and may you be around for many years to come.

Aristide Yiannakis, Inkerman St., North Caulfield.

Real Treat

SIR: Bob Brian's story on Morwell Falcons in your last issue was a real treat. As you can see, McLaughlan's men have come good with their first win of the season on Saturday.

You can't keep a good man down, or a good team for that matter.

Up the Falcons. Good luck with Soccer Star.

T. Taylor, Morwell Falcons Supporter, Churchill.

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HOW I SEE VICTORIAN SOCCER

RECENTLY, I was discussing things with the editor and he asked me to write an article about the state of the game as I see it.

Every coach has an opinion on how the game can be improved with benefits for all and I am no exception.

Firstly, as regards the reduction of the number of teams in each League, I think what has been proposed is too drastic.

Although I'm a young man my life experience and history has shown me that revolution can cause a lot of problems. I think that reducing a League by six teams in one year is revolution and is nothing short of a bombshell.

What it has already brought about is an unprecedented bad relationship between referees, coaches and officials, and a consequent poor quality of play on the pitch, and we are only in the seventh week of the competition. God knows what the situation will be like in two months time.

By MIRON BLEIBERG
(Croydon City Coach)

Was it not possible to spread the reduction over two years?
Who was in such a hurry?

Which way should the game go... National League or Super League. This is an interesting question which we will have to face at the end of the season.

I think the best solution at least in the short term would be a Super League. Can anyone deny that if Juventus had been playing against Fawceter in a local Italian derby there would have been a far higher attendance than 850 to see NSL leaders, complete with Alan Brazil?

In the long run, the best way to promote soccer is through its International appeal, the big advantage that soccer has over Aussie Rules.

And to achieve that international appeal we need a strong National

team which is a product of a strong local competition plus a national League. Maybe a combination of both is the solution.

All discussion about improving the standard of the game seems to centre on improving playing standards, but what about improving coaching standards?

How can local coaches who have graduated through all the courses available locally improve their skills?

Why can't we bring out lecturers from overseas and what about organising seminars, maybe on a monthly basis, with lecturers by top coaches?

I am not ashamed to say that I'm sure I could learn from people like Tim White or Len McKendry. What does the Victorian Director of coaching think?

And on the subject of coaches, can't we understand why we have never established here a coaches union or association.

Such an association would be able to give legal advice to its members on contracts and advise them on such matters as avoiding the pitfalls of taking on jobs too hastily.

A body like that would best serve its members by not being under the control of the VSF, and it could also probably organise seminars, help to disseminate ideas, maybe through a newsletter and even organise overseas tours.

I am too young and enthusiastic about coaching to get involved in soccer politics, but I would be only too willing to be helpful towards anyone wanting to start such a body.

With the sacking of my

friend Rob Nelson, the question of only one transfer a season comes up again.

Why can't a twenty-year-old reserve player for one team be a first team player for another?

Why must a player have to stay with a team when the coach who brought him there has been sacked?

And why should Rob Nelson fight every week for people who knifed him in the back?

As a coach, I have to say that I feel heartfelt sympathy for referees, especially in this trying season.

I have to say to Mr Murray Jesson and Mr Jack Reilly that I wouldn't take on a State League referee's job for even \$1,000 a week.

Turning to my own personal position, I have to admit that I was very tempted when Preston Makedonia offered me the coaching position. The only reason why I

didn't take the job was that I was very appreciative of the loyalty I have been shown by both players and officials at Croydon. I believe that another coach was in the same position.

Why should coaches be so loyal?

When it comes down to the nitty-gritty, who is

loyal to us? Finally, I'm going to take a punt and give you my idea of who will finish in the top four and who will be relegated.

I think the top four will come out of Heidelberg, Green Gully, Fawkner, Caulfield, Croydon and Morwell Falcons.

And I think the six relegated teams will be Ringwood City, Western Suburbs, Box Hill, Maribymong, Bulleen and Northcote.

I'm sorry if I have upset anyone with my choices, but after all, it's only a game.



John Margaritis, Frank Arok, Eddie Thomson — could experienced coaches like these help?

CONGRATULATIONS JIMMY...

BULLEEN coach and former Socceroo Jimmy Rooney has been appointed assistant coach of the Australian Under/16

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Rooney will be working Under/16 National coach

Vic Dalgleish, aiming for the U/16 World Cup Finals, to be held in January next year in Scotland.

Rooney, who played 50 full internationals for Australia came under notice as a result of his work as assistant to John Gardiner at Sunshine George Cross, and said yesterday that the news of his appointment had come as a wonderful surprise. "Somebody said my name had been put forward a long time ago, but I'd forgotten all about it," he said.



Jimmy Rooney



Miron Bleiberg

Gate undefeated!

20 goals scored in Division One

Victorian League Round-up with ANGELO STICCA



TWENTY goals were scored in Division One games on Saturday, as Altona Gate continued its undefeated run with a 2-0 win over Dandenong with goals by Tasevski and Ristovski.

Westgate defeated Mooroolbark in a high-scoring affair 3-2, whilst Richmond trounced Nunawading City 4-1, with Nolan scoring all four goals for Richmond in a devastating exhibition of goalscoring.

In Division Two, Doncaster Rovers recorded its third consecutive draw, whilst Doveton scored two goals through Cherry and Jackson to down Prahran-Brighton.

Port Melbourne and Geelong shared the points in a 3-all draw, with an own-goal allowing North Geelong to escape with a point.

Division Three matches produced 28 goals, with Seaford United defeating Hamlyn Rangers 4-2 and Lalor United repeating this scoreline over Mornington.

Springvale United also scored a 4-2 win over Moreland Park Rangers, with goals going to Tapa (2), Borovic and Valeski, whilst Vaccaro and Kenna scored for the losing team.

Division Four matches produced no real shock-results, although Bentleigh Greens was pushed by Keysborough but eventually won 3-2.

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tough and entertaining contest. In Division Two, North Geelong takes on Clifton Hill whilst Altona City is at home to Doncaster Rovers where the Rovers are still looking for their first victory of the season.

In Division Three, bottom-placed Moreland Park Rangers travels to Yallourn in a search for its first points of the season, whilst the match of the day promises to be the Geelong derby where Geelong takes on Corio/Geelong United.

Division Four games this week could produce a few interesting clashes, with Boronia and Holland Park battling it out after having both made a good start to the season.

The clash between Bentleigh Greens and East Brunswick/Ivanhoe should be an evenly fought out match, but Bentleigh should prove too strong for the opposition, especially playing at home.

Victorian League — Division 4

East Brunswick/Ivanhoe 2 (Santangelo 34th, 44th) Chelsea 0

EAST BRUNSWICK/IVANHOE: Mezzadra — Manin, Cassai, Caprioli, Rocciolotti, Solak, Muccio, Montemurro, County (half time Lepors) Santangelo, Cosentino Coach M. Bernini.

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HOW YOUR TEAM FARED

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VICTORIAN LEAGUE Division Two DONCASTER ROVERS SOCCER CLUB WAVENLEY

HOME TEAM: H. Graham, J. Pucovski, N. Skinner, I. Humble, R. Tolmie, P. Spicer,

G. Talia, K. Kalifatidis, J. Twine, N. Fernandes, M. Sowards, A. Alford. VISITORS: M. Perree, C. Tzapatolis, A. Perree, K. Patterson, G. Dromidge, R. Parker, A. Wilson, M. Budd, T. Grimwade, S. Rusmir, G. Ireson, P. Storey, Z. Stojkovic.

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Rovers captain Humble. Awarded a penalty Grimwade made no mistake and levelled terms with Doncaster.

The second half eroded into a stalemate between the two defences with a few shots by Waverley.

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INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

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after a brilliant solo run through the Berwick defence, and Gurbuz (Berwick United) rifling in the equaliser at the 88th minute.

The score could have

been very different had it not been for the outstanding display by Berwick United's centre-half, and Man of the Match, Kulisk.

We have already mentioned North Dandenong Sparrows' win over Windsor, with Serge Labasse and Jean-Marc

Vydelingum running riot.

When Windsor scored at the 20th minute with a masterly opportunist goal by Sammy Ioannidis, it seemed that the home club

was about to swamp the visitors, but the Sparrows had other ideas, and for the remainder of the match simply ran the

Windsor boys ragged.

While this was going on, Preston Pythons and Dandy Dynamo were locked in a dour struggle

which ended with neither side having bothered the score-board attendants.

The scorers were a little busier at the Lyndale High School where Thomas-town beat Dandenong United by the odd goal in 5.

Scoring was not quite so hectic at Rowville, where a determined Rowville held the oddson favourite, Flamingo, to a 1-1 draw.

Dallas United have replaced Keeley Kings at the top of Division 3 East by a point from Garden City, winners last week, but held to a 1-1 draw by Laminex on Sunday.

Keeley Kings dropped to third after losing to Bowater, while Essendon Tramways and Oakleigh City, both on the losing end last week, put 2 points on the board by winning 3-2 and 4-2 respectively.

Match of the Day in Division 3 West, although goalless was the 90-minute war between Whittlesea and Altona North Tarxien. However, with Mr Scibberas keeping an iron hand on the proceedings, there were few casualties, and prisoners were humanely treated.

Despite the apparent lowly status of this Division, there is some surprisingly good football played, and this match was no exception.

There was no lack of skill either when Northern Cross St Helena was blitzed 6-1 by Altona Heights.

Leading 2-1 at the break, the Heights maintained their dominance in the second half with Zdravovski, Zdravovski and Presulski outstanding.

Despite the long trip to Dean, Tottenham retained enough energy to down Creswick Town 4-1, while Nipponendo were de-sparked 1-2 by their visitors, Keilor Old Boys.

Sunbury, meanwhile, hardly enjoyed their home ground advantage, as their visitors, St Albans Wanderers, proved very impolite by taking away 4 goals and giving nothing in return.

There is, to quote our Prime Minister, an "un-equivocal" leader in Division 4. With 4 points from 2 games, and a +13 goal difference, RAAF College have rocked the top.

On Sunday they turned on the after-burners against a luckless Westall PIPA to run our 8-0 winners.

Preston Tramways, after going down 5-0 to the RAAF Boys last week, got back on the rails and shunted Embassy Taxis aside for a 3-1 victory. Flemington Florida enjoyed their cross-city journey to Salesian College to the tune of a 4-

1 margin over the Scholars.

Despite last week's plea to club managers and coaches to impress upon their players the need for discipline there were again 4 send-offs.

Unless clubs want the standard "automatic 1 match" extended to an automatic 3 matches, they would do well to heed this warning.

At the current rate, last year's total send-offs would be exceeded by Round 17.

Representative Squad

THE first training run for this year's Rep Squad will be held on Wednesday, May 4. The time and venue will be advertised in Soccer Star.

Please get your nominations to John Mason, 795 2387, or to the League Office, 528 2955, before that date.

AMATEUR LEAGUE

Division Division

UPFIELD SC V INTERCITY

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UPFIELD: Stasinoulis, Bala-sopoulos, Tsolakis, Tsimiklis, Kafritsas, Argiropoulos, Pantazopoulos, Vilella, Koutsodimitropoulos, Stamatopoulos, Kontogiorgakis, Gouvas, Nicolaou.

Upfield United lost to Intercity 3-1 after having played a good first half. During the second half Upfield's defence collapsed and

was severely punished by the Intercity attack. Upfield scored first and dominated most of the first half.

the goal score in the first 10 minutes in Koutsodimitropoulos and it seemed that Upfield would win easily.

However, Intercity managed to even game towards the end of the period and dominated the second half. First goal 3-1 for Intercity.

BEST for Upfield: A. Kafritsas, Koutsodimitropoulos, Tsolakis. INTERCITY: L. Palazzo, A. Dimartino, J. Vasiliadis.

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FIRST DIVISION
Rapid 2, Admira/Wacker 1, Vienna 3, Sportclub 0, Sturm Graz 3, GAK 2, FC Tirol 2, Austria Wien 1.

PORTUGAL
FIRST DIVISION
Benfica 5, Espinho 1.

EAST GERMANY
FIRST DIVISION
Stahl Riesa 1, Dynamo Berlin 3, Carl Zeiss Jena 2, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 0, Stettin Brandenburg 5, Wismar Aue 2, Union Berlin 0, Magdeburg 0, Vorwarts

FRANKFURT 2, Lokomotive Leipzig 2, Karl-Marx-Stadt 1, Hansa Rostock 1, Chemie Halle 0, Dynamo Dresden 0.

SPAIN
FIRST DIVISION
Celta 0, Real Madrid 0.

FRANCE
FIRST DIVISION
Antwerp 5, Winterslag 0, Mechelen 3, Molenaars 0, Charleroi 1, FC Lieke 1, Lokeren 0, Club Brugge 1, Standard Liege 2, Ghent 1, St Truiden 1, Anderlecht 1.

FRANCE
FIRST DIVISION
Lille 1, Bordeaux 0, Marseille 4, Lens 1, Auxerre 1, Le Havre 1, Metz Racing 1, Nîmes 1, Metz 0, Montpellier 1, Laval 0, Toulon 3, Brest 1, Cannes 0, Nantes 0, Paris Saint-Germain 0, Nice 3, Toulouse 0, played Friday: Saint Etienne 3, Monaco 0.

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